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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned filed the above-referenced national phase application on June 11, 2001. The undersigned still has not received the Official Filing Receipt, nor have we received a response to our Status Requests submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for filing on July 23, 2002 and October 15, 2002.

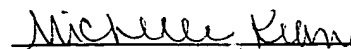
It is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office reply to the undersigned as to the status for the above-referenced matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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